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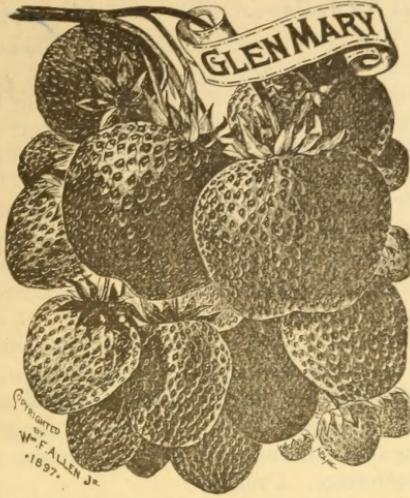
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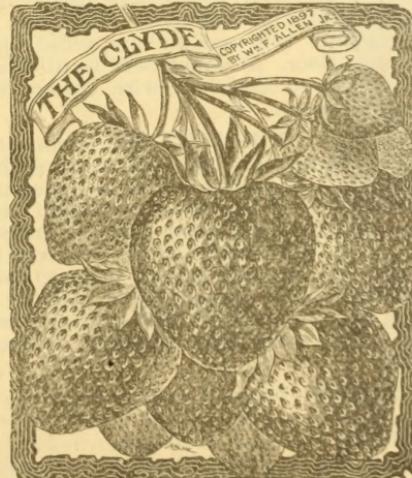
I grow and sell the best stock
at fair prices, and my customers
are satisfied, and happy, low prices
try to compete with cheap stock.

Allen's

Strawberry
Catalogue

Everything listed in this Catalogue I have growing on my plant farms and will be freshly dug at time of shipment

W. F. ALLEN, Jr.
SALISBURY, MD.



Perry & Hearn, Catalogue Printers, Salisbury, Md.

KIND FRIENDS.

—My little Traveling Salesman, (this catalogue) is again before you; please take good care of him and consult him whenever wanting anything in my line. He is well stocked with the most promising novelties of the season as well as a full line of all the best standard varieties. Kindly favor him with your order and you will never have cause to regret it. It has been my constant aim to treat every customer in a way that would be gratifying to him and an advertisement to my business and judging from the hundreds and hundreds of flattering letters received from my customers, I have very nearly succeeded in pleasing every person who has bought plants of me. In the future, as in the past, it shall be my constant aim to send out plants that will be the pride of the purchaser, the admiration of his neighbor and a growing advertisement of Allen's plants.

But before going further I wish to thank my many customers for their liberal patronage in 1897, which, in spite of the depressed financial condition of the country, was the most successful business year of my life, and it is my sincere wish that every customer who helped make my success possible may have found his investment with me a profitable one. Again thanking you for past favors and hoping to merit a share of your future patronage, I remain,

Yours faithfully.

W. F. ALLEN, Jr.

MY STOCK is large and if possible finer than ever. By thorough cultivation the ground has been kept clean from grass and the earth loose and mellow, consequently strong, well rooted, vigorous and healthy plants is the result. My plants are all grown in loose, light, well manured soil that produces an abundance of fibrous roots that easily come up with the plants and are not broken off in digging as is the result when grown in clay or stiff soils. We take up no plants to make paths for the pickers but all are taken up and only first class ones are counted. I plant all new beds every year and all old ones are plowed under every June. I never have an old bed in the spring and could not supply old plants even if they were wanted.

MY FACILITIES have been greatly increased for handling large numbers of orders promptly and correctly. Last year I built a large and commodious packing house and this year we have added a large shed that almost doubles our room on the first floor. All orders will be filled as near the time stated in order as it is possible to do so consistent with correct labeling and unsurpassed packing by skilled workmen.

TIME OF SHIPMENT—We commence to ship our southern customers during mild weather any time after they receive this catalogue. In most seasons we can fill a limited number of orders in January and February for the South, and as late as the 10th of May for our northern customers: but for all sections it is advisable to order early and *name date for shipment as early as you can possibly use the plants.* This is good advice for several reasons, as plants when shipped early if to go a long distance are less liable to damage in the package, they have less foliage and can be packed lighter, thereby lightening express charges, and another good reason, plants set early almost invariably do well if cared for by an intelligent person, while those set late in the season often do well but frequently fail entirely.

ORDERS—Please be sure to write your name and address plainly—give Post Office, County and State—and do this every time you write. Be particular to say how the goods are to be sent, whether by mail or express. If by express name company. All orders too heavy for mail should go by express as freight is too slow and unreliable, therefore not safe for perishable goods, except for short distance. Keep a correct copy of the order and check off the stock when it arrives, people often forget what they order and make unjust complaint.

GUARANTEE—I warrant my stock to be true to name and to reach customers in good condition.

CLAIMS, if any, must be made on receipt of goods, when they will be carefully and cheerfully examined and, if just, all made satisfactory. Claims made after fifteen days from receipt of goods will not be entertained. I send out only good stock in good condition, carefully packed, in all cases, but success or failure depends in so large a degree upon the weather and care and management after received, that I do not, because I cannot, undertake to guarantee stock to live.

PACKING is executed with the utmost care. Special pains is taken to pack lightly, thereby reducing the expense to a minimum. All goods at prices quoted are packed free. Everything is labeled.

SPECIAL LOW EXPRESS RATES—By special arrangements we are now able to ship our customers by express to any part of the country, plants at the hundred pound merchandise rates, less a special reduction of 20 per cent. therefrom. Thus we secure for our customers a low express rate on all shipments.

PAYMENTS INvariably IN ADVANCE. Goods sent C. O. D. only when one fourth the amount is sent with the order, with charges for returning money added to bill.

REMIT by Money Order on Salisbury, Md., by Registered Letter, by Check, or by express. Postage stamps taken for fractional parts of a dollar. 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 15c stamps preferred. Canadian customers will please remit by Express, Money order or Canadian bills. Foreign customers will please remit by Money Order on Baltimore, Md.

~~It~~ It sometimes happens that we send two Catalogues to one address. Should you receive more than one copy please hand the extra one to some friend who will be interested in it.

POOR PLANTS AND GOOD PLANTS



Look at the accompanying figure 2 and you will see a small, feeble plant such as is sent out by some nurserymen and called cheap because they only ask a small price for 1000 of them, when the fact is they are extremely costly at any price or even as a gift. I

FIG. 2—A POOR PLANT have often bought new varieties at fancy prices and had just this kind of stock sent me. Now look at fig. 3 and you will get some idea of the kind of plants you get when you order from me. I buy plants largely myself, and for my own planting I would sooner pay \$5 per 1000 for plants like the one shown in fig. 3 than I would plant fig. 2 as a gift. I have tried both and know whereof I speak. Fig-

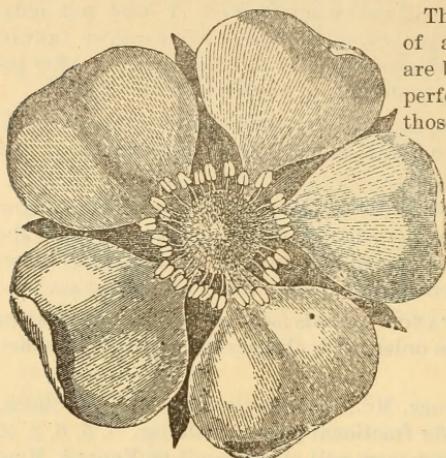




FIG. 3—A GOOD PLANT

My most trusted men do all the counting and each one is strictly cautioned not to count in anything he would not be willing to buy.

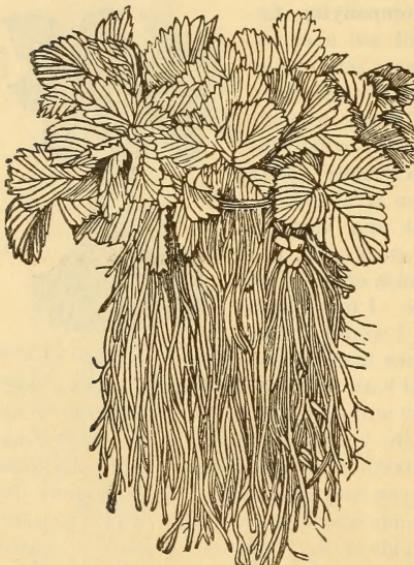
STRAWBERRIES.



Bi-Sexual or Perfect Blossom.

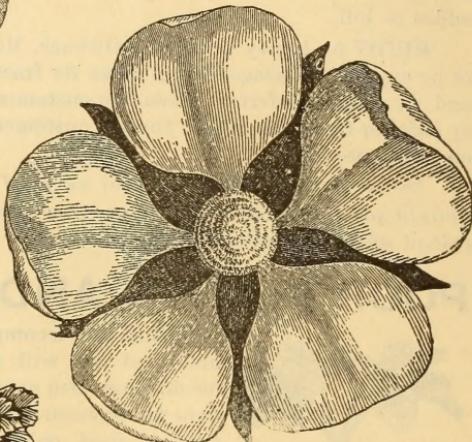
row, to pollenate their blossoms. Success depends in a great measure on getting fine, healthy plants *strictly pure and true to name.* This I KNOW my plants to be.

In shipping plants we send out



Bunch of Plants, Trimmed and Tied Ready for Shipment.

The blossoms of all varieties are bi sexual or perfect, except those marked P, which are destitute of stamens and are termed pistillate or imperfect, as is shown by the accompanying figures. Pistillate varieties must have a row of a perfect flowered sort planted every third or fourth



Pistillate or Imperfect Blossom.

nothing but young plants, grown from stock that has not been allowed to fruit, which makes them strong, vigorous and healthy. We never send out old plants. When grown on a deep black soil, the roots of young plants are of a dark color, but soft, succulent, and nearly uniform in size and appearance. With old plants the lower roots are black, dead and wiry, with generally a few young roots near the crown. We clean all plants of dead leaves and tie in bunches before packing.

1000 PLANTS of any variety may be costly at \$1.00 or cheap at \$5.00. It depends on the quality.



FIG. 7.
SET JUST RIGHT.

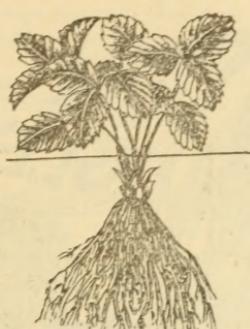


FIG. 8.
SET TOO DEEP.



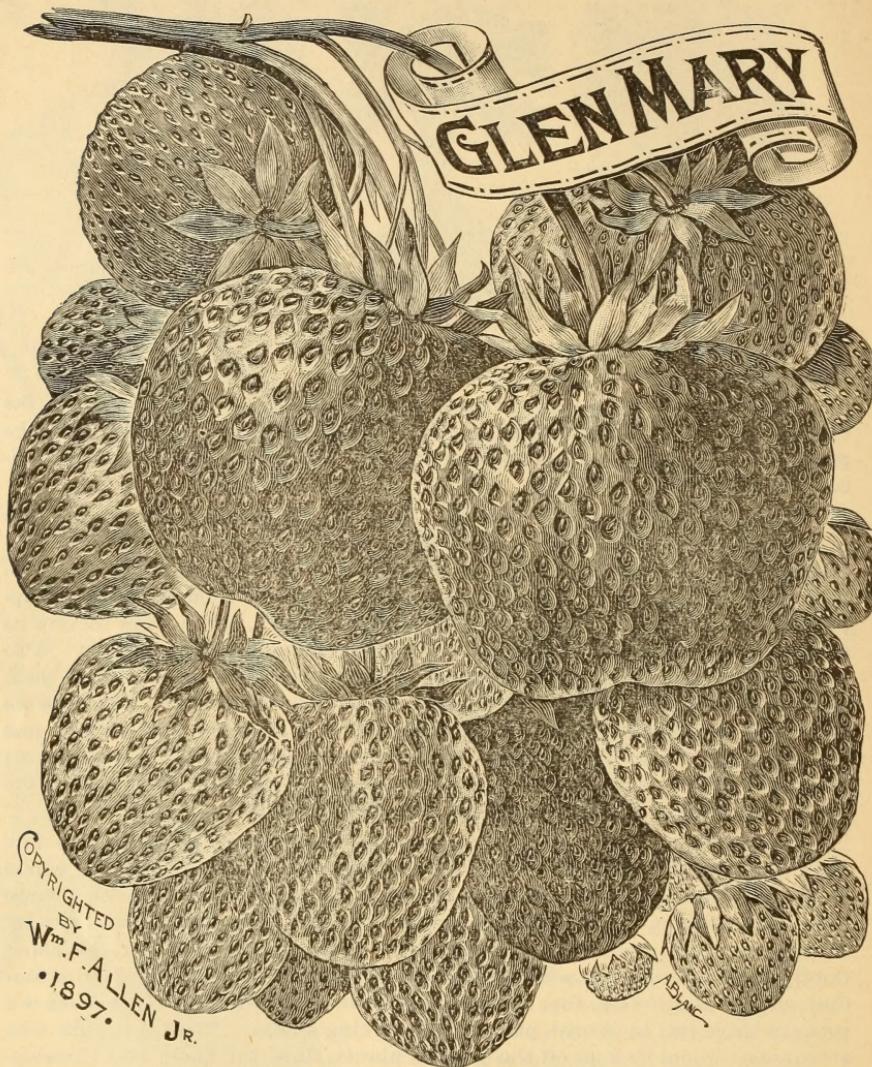
FIG. 9.
SET TOO SHALLOW.

Figure 7 shows you a plant properly placed in the ground. The top of the crown, where the leaves come out, should be just above the surface, after the plant is set and the soil leveled down around it. The lines in these figures indicate the surface of the ground.

Figure 8 shows a plant set too deep. Earth over the crown will usually kill it, or at least prevent its doing well. Figure 9 shows a plant set too shallow. The air can get to the roots and so can the sunshine, and the plant will not do well under such conditions. The roots should all be in the ground. I do not suppose anyone would set a plant quite so deep as in figure 8, nor quite so shallow as shown by figure 9. I have exaggerated these cuts to make the lesson plain. Also the leaves on the plants are a little more upright than you usually find them when setting out. They often crinkle down so as to be in the way. Of course we had to put them out of the way in these pictures so as to show you plainly just how to do the setting. Do not make the holes except as fast as you want to set the plants. So as to have the soil moist where the roots will touch. Take the plants out of the pail only as fast as you want to set them.

EARLY SPRING, just as soon as the ground can be easily worked, IS THE BEST TIME OF ALL THE WHOLE YEAR to plant strawberries in any section where there are extreme frosts in winter, especially if planting is to be done on a large scale and plants have to be brought from a distance. How to plant will depend largely upon local conditions, size and shape of the field, etc. In the small family garden or city lot, where there is little chance to use horse and cultivator they may be planted one foot apart each way, in two or three rows, then leave a space of three feet to furnish path during picking season. Planted in this way all runners should be kept off the original plants, since for their best development they require each about one square foot.

For field culture mark out the rows $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 feet wide and set plants 18 to 20 inches apart in the rows. Then if we wish to follow the narrow row system we let each plant strike a few runners along the line of the row, and then, later in the season keep all runners off; while if the broad matted row is wanted, all runners are allowed to take root and the cultivator narrowed up a little at each cultivation during the latter part of the season, till we have matted rows of plants two feet wide, with walk one foot wide between them. The narrow is the more profitable of these two systems, yet the matted row is the most adopted as many are of the opinion that the more plants the more berries.



GLEN MARY—This giant among strawberries was first offered to the public by me in the spring of 1896, and being the introducer, I was very much interested as to the success of my first introduction. I have watched every word that has been written or said concerning this variety. I am now satisfied that all things considered it is without an equal. It being large to very large in size, one of the most productive ever grown; of strong, sturdy and healthy growth, highly colored, firm for a large berry and ranks with the best in flavor. I was so sure that it was superior

Bermuda Island, March 8, '97—
Mr. W. F. Allen, Jr.: The plants
of Glen Mary and Clyde strawber-
ries just received in splendid con-
dition. W. F. McCullum.

to all other varieties ever sent out that last spring I offered \$100.00 in gold for 12 plants of any variety that would equal it in size, productiveness and quality. Quite a number of plants were sent in competition for the gold and all have been given the same show but so far very few show anything like the vigor of *Glen Mary*. I hope some of the varieties sent will capture the prize as I had rather pay it than not, and will consider myself fortunate if I can get one dozen plants of some new kind as good as *Glen Mary* for that amount. Competent, disinterested parties will decide which is best.

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W. E. Palmer of Florida says the

Alleghany Co., Pa., March 7, 1897.

Glen Mary plants I bought of you last spring are a sight to see. I have plants a half bushel measure would not cover.

W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir: The

T. C. Kevitt of N. J. says under date of October 20, 1897: "*Glen Mary* is the best strawberry on earth. The man who plants *Glen Mary* will have a Klondike right at home. We are going to set out six acres of *Glen Mary* in the spring, we

plants received from you have

been excelled by none I ever

bought, and equaled by none ex-

cept from Matthew Crawford.

Respt. T. T. Hibben.

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have fruited it now for two years and it has proved to be the best out of a thousand sorts on our grounds."

Enough said.

NICK OHMER—Originated by Mr. John F. Beaver, who is conceded to be the most successful amateur fruit grower in Ohio. Named after Mr. N. Ohmer, ex-president of the Ohio State Horticultural Society.

"After watching the Nick Ohmer three years, and hearing how it has behaved wherever I sent it for trial, never having received an unfavorable report on it, I am confident that it is one of the most desirable, if not the very best ever sent out. There is no other in the market, or in sight, that I would plant with as much confidence. If restricted to a single variety it would be my first choice without a moment's hesitation. The plant is very large and strong, sending out plenty of very strong runners. It is probably not surpassed in healthy, vigorous growth and great productiveness by any variety. It has a perfect blossom. The fruit is of the very largest size, a giant among strawberries. It is never misshapen. Its only departure from the regular, roundish conical form is when, under high culture, it is somewhat triangular. It is a dark glossy red, firm and of excellent flavor."—M. Crawford.

Dayton, Ohio, July 30, 1897:—The Nick Ohmer strawberry behaved very handsomely this, as well as in former years, producing an abundance of immense berries of a very superior quality. Mr. John F. Beaver honored me greatly by giving it the name that he did.

N. OHMER.

Northampton, Mass., July 31, 1897:—I did not get well rooted plants of the Nick Ohmer last season till quite late, but I made the best of them and they have produced some wonderfully fine berries this summer. They were an extra large and every one perfect in form. I am satisfied that it will prove to be a valuable, long bearing variety but I want to try it another year before fully reporting.

E. C. DAVIS.

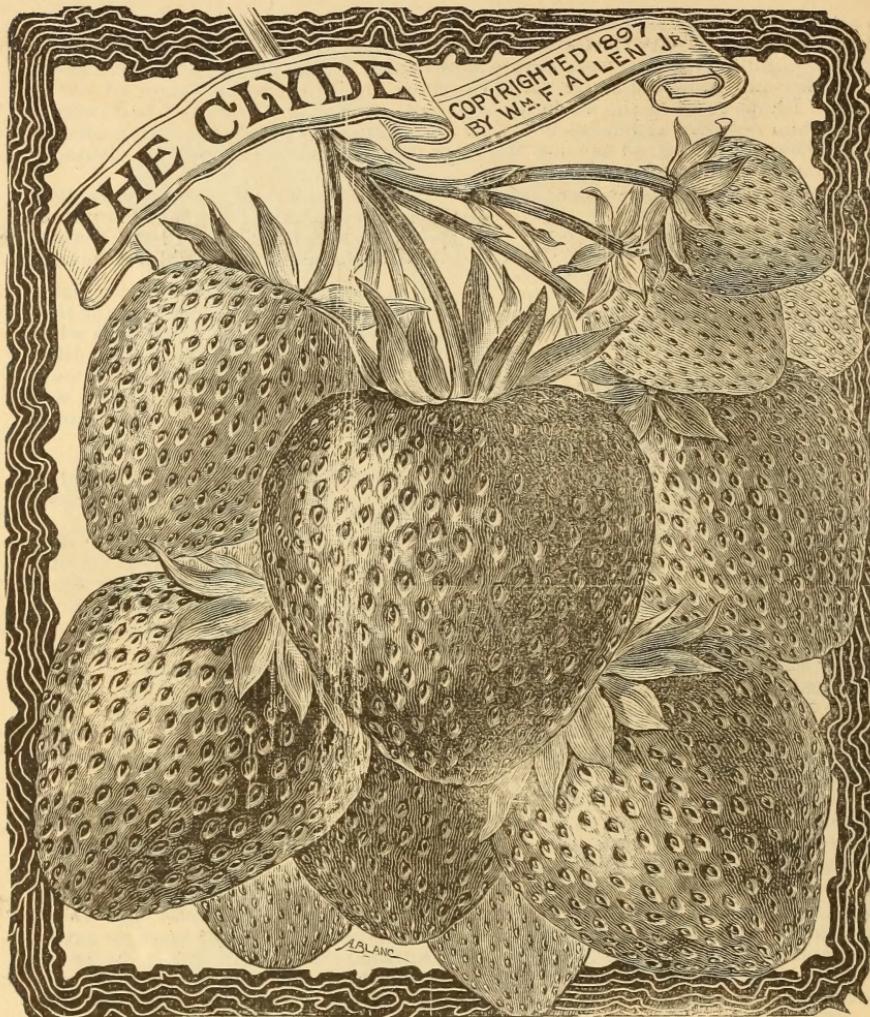
Nick Ohmer has not fruited here.

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Providence county R. I., Oct. 13, 1897—W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir: The seven hundred strawberry plants I ordered of you came last Saturday; they arrived before your notice of the same. I have bought a great many plants, and tried several dealers within a few years, but I have never had any of them send me as nice plants as you sent. They were the nicest, freshest looking plants I ever saw, I don't see how you get such nice long roots. I don't see any need of buying pot grown plants when a person can buy such nice plants as you send out. The nice manner in which the plants were packed shows that you understand your business. I wish to thank you for the liberal count. There was not a broken plant in the whole lot. They are all set out and if I do not get berries off of these plants next year it will not be your fault. I used a great deal of care in setting them and I expect every plant will live, when I want anything in the strawberry line you will surely get my orders.

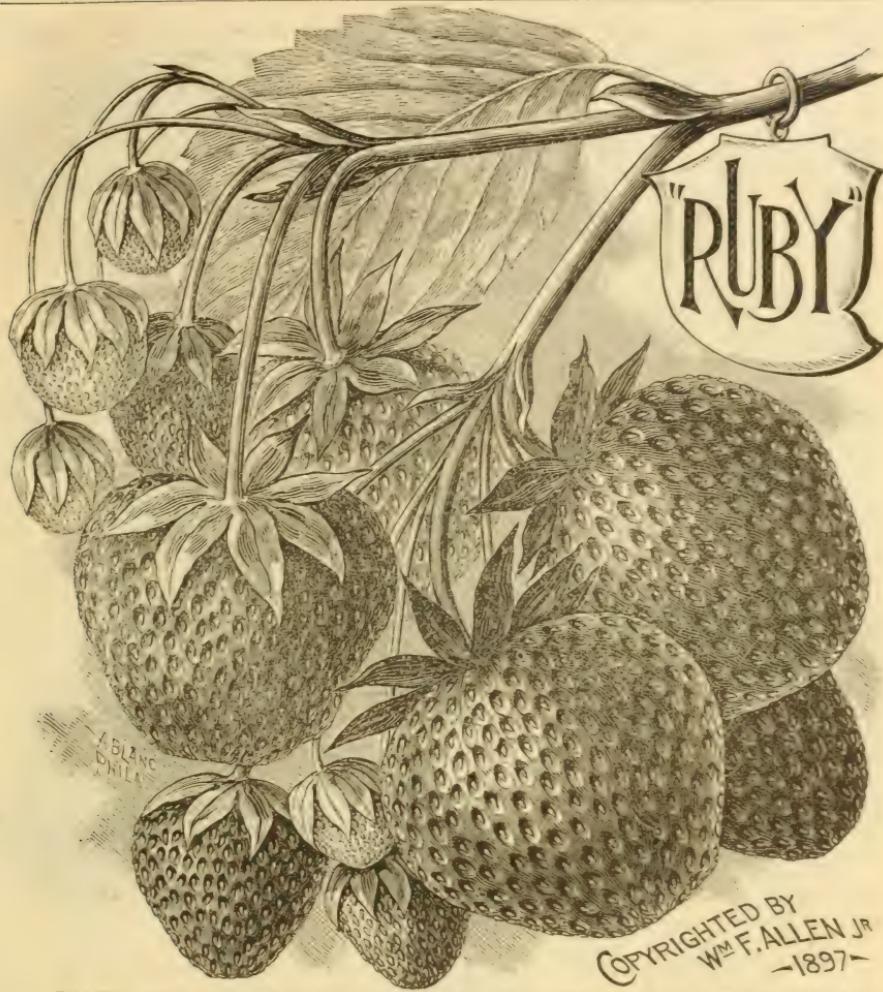
Respectfully yours,

Wm. H. Fish.



THE CLYDE—To say that the Clyde has been making long strides to popularity and public favor is putting it very mild. But few varieties ever introduced has given better satisfaction in all parts of the country. I have fruited it twice and consider it to be the very best *early* variety ever offered the American people, Glen Mary being the best medium to late. With me Clyde is as large as Bubach nearly or quite a week earlier and very much firmer. It is a strong staminate. the plant is very vigorous and healthy there being no trace of disease about it that I have ever seen. The foliage is light green in color, berries scarlet. Its strong plants with an abundance of long roots which penetrate the soil deeper than most varieties enables it to withstand drouth remarkably well. It is very productive. No one will ever regret planting it.

J. H. Hale says: Clyde is the one great business strawberry basket-filler, money-catcher, debt-destroyer, and family provider. Plant the Clyde, make money, grow fat and be happy.

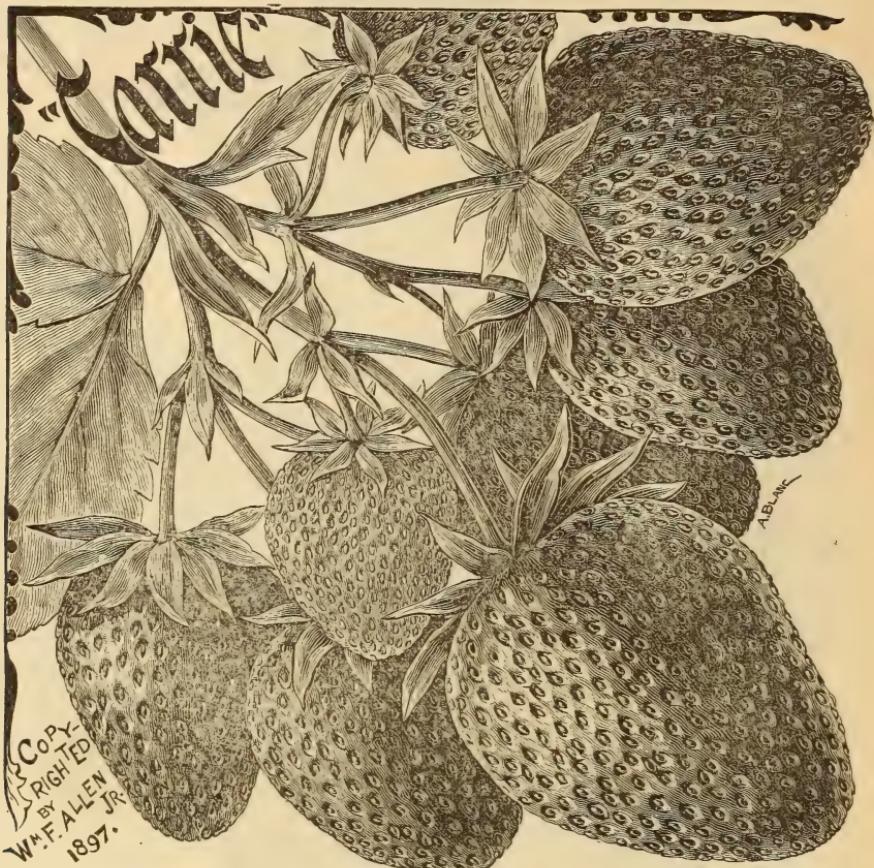


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RUBY — This comes highly recommended from Illinois, and is believed to be a seedling of Crescent and Sharpless. It is a chance seedling that came up with a number of others in an old quince orchard where an old strawberry bed had been plowed under before the crop was all harvested, owing to the low prices of the fruit at that time. The originator says: "I had quit growing strawberries for market some years ago, but thinking this seedling worthy of general planting, I decided to try it in field culture on a scale large enough to show its character as a shipper. I therefore planted several acres of it and a few rows of other standard varieties, such as Capt Jack, Warfield, Bubach, Haverland, Greenville, etc., for comparison. The result has been that Ruby has proved itself to be a better berry in every way than any of these or later introductions up to the present time. All plants no matter how late they take root in the fall, fruit the following spring. Its good points are: Strong healthy plants; large staminate blossom; uniformly productive; fruit of large size; dark red color clear through; firm enough to ship well; a fine keeper after being picked; and of the highest quality. If it has any fault I have failed to discover it."

The accompanying illustration was made direct from a cluster of berries picked from a row of Ruby plants last April, and as could be judged from this row of young plants the berry is all that has been claimed for it.

Samuel Miller says: "I deem Ruby one of the very best of the hundred varieties I have growing."

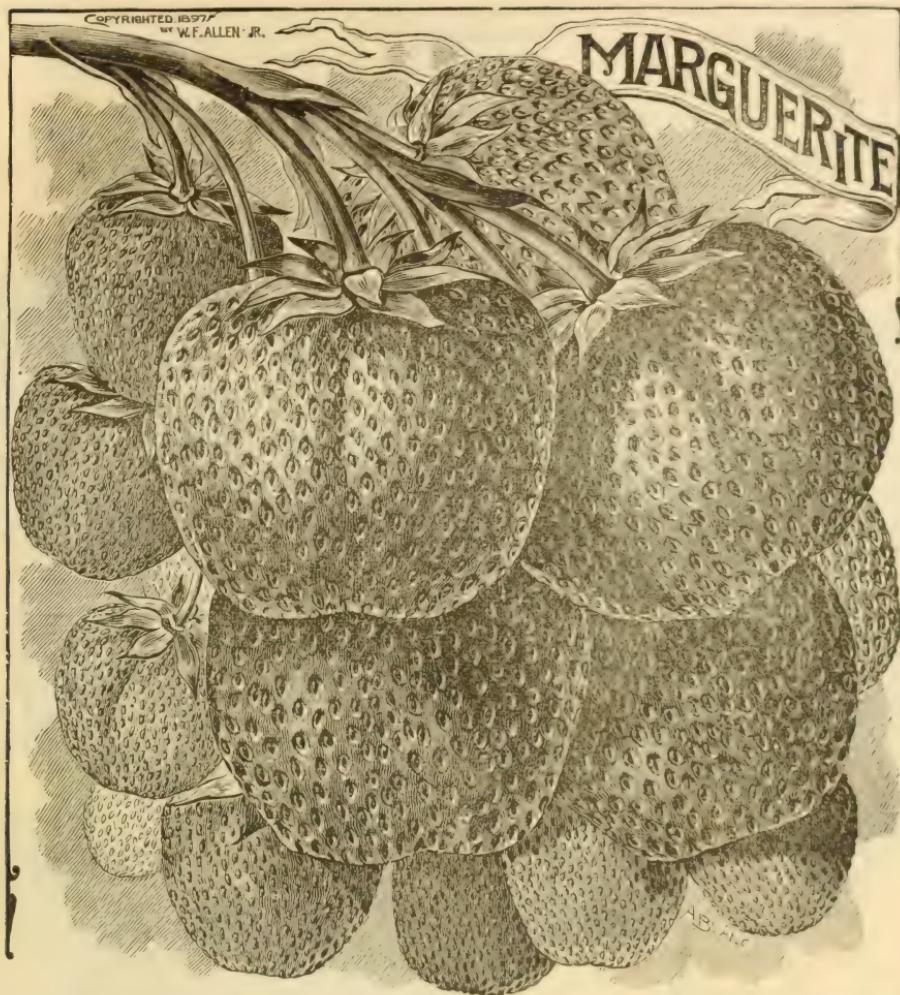


CARRIE—The Carrie is said to be a seedling of the Haverland, which it very much resembles in shape and habit of growth. The originator says it is firmer, better color, and a much better shipper than its parent. Prof. W. J. Green of the Ohio Experiment Station, reports on the Carrie as follows: "Of the new varieties about to be introduced none pleases me better than the Carrie. It resembles the Haverland, but is an improvement upon that variety in size, color and firmness, and it seems equal to it in productiveness." If this judgment is correct it will prove to be an exceedingly valuable variety. It has the same fault as the Haverland, of long fruit stems, and the berries lie out in the row, and are liable to be trampled upon by the pickers. While this is a fault, it must be acknowledged that the berries of this class are easily seen and more likely to be picked clean than those having short fruit stems.

York Co., Me., April 21, 1897.

W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:—The strawberry plants arrived in good shape yesterday and I am pleased with them. I find you not only send good plants but better than a baker's dozen. You will hear from me again later. Yours truly, F. O. Tarbox

I have this berry growing but have not fruited it, except on spring set plants. The accompanying illustration was made from a cluster of fruit picked by the writer last June from plants set early last spring. When we have fruited this on year old beds and seen more of it we will then report its merits just as we find it.

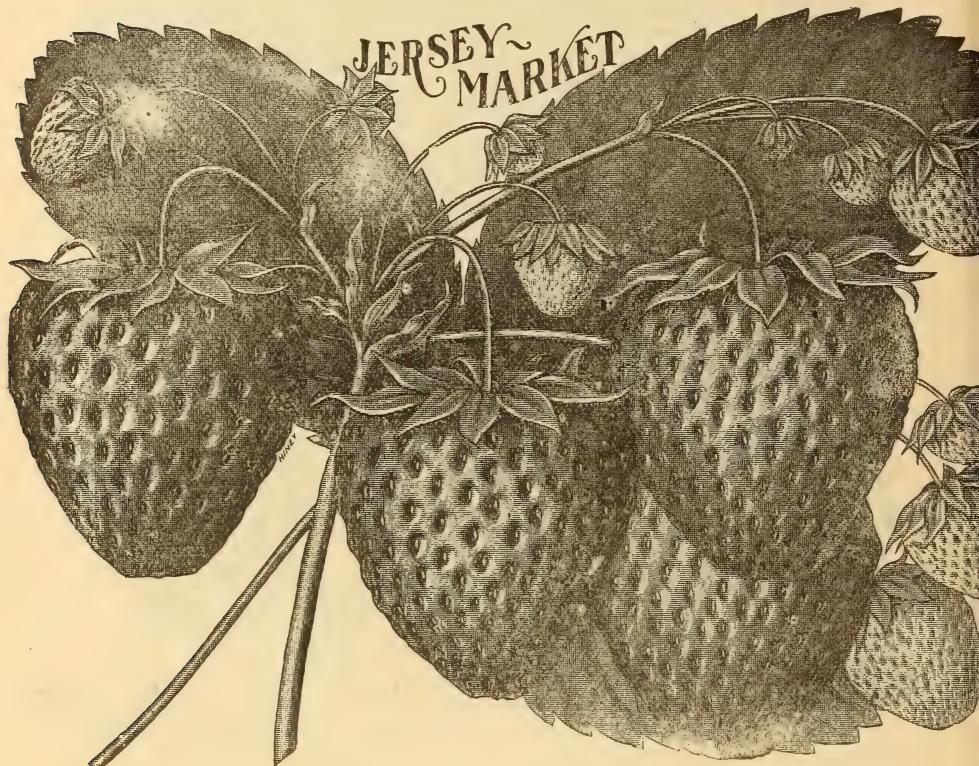


MARGURITE—This new variety was offered for the first time last spring by Mr. M. Crawford. Not having fruited it myself I will give Mr. Crawford's description which is as follows:

"This variety was originated about six years ago, by John F. Beaver of Dayton, Ohio, from seed of the Crawford. It responds readily to good culture, and all careful growers may expect it to produce the finest fruit in great abundance.

The plant is large and healthy, and so vigorous in growth that it will mature its last berries and continue green and luxuriant while an abundance of strong runners are produced. The foliage is dark green, and so clean and healthy looking that it is a pleasure to work among the plants. The blossom is perfect and one of the strongest ever seen. It commences to ripen soon after the early varieties and bears until nearly all others are gone. With a good chance its berries are all of large size. The plant with its habit of growth and productiveness is faultless. The fruit is dark, glossy red, and the berries are not inclined to have white tips. The large, green calyx adds to its beauty. The flesh is firmer than most very large berries, and of excellent flavor. For healthy vigorous growth, productiveness, size, beauty and quality, the Margurite is a remarkable variety."

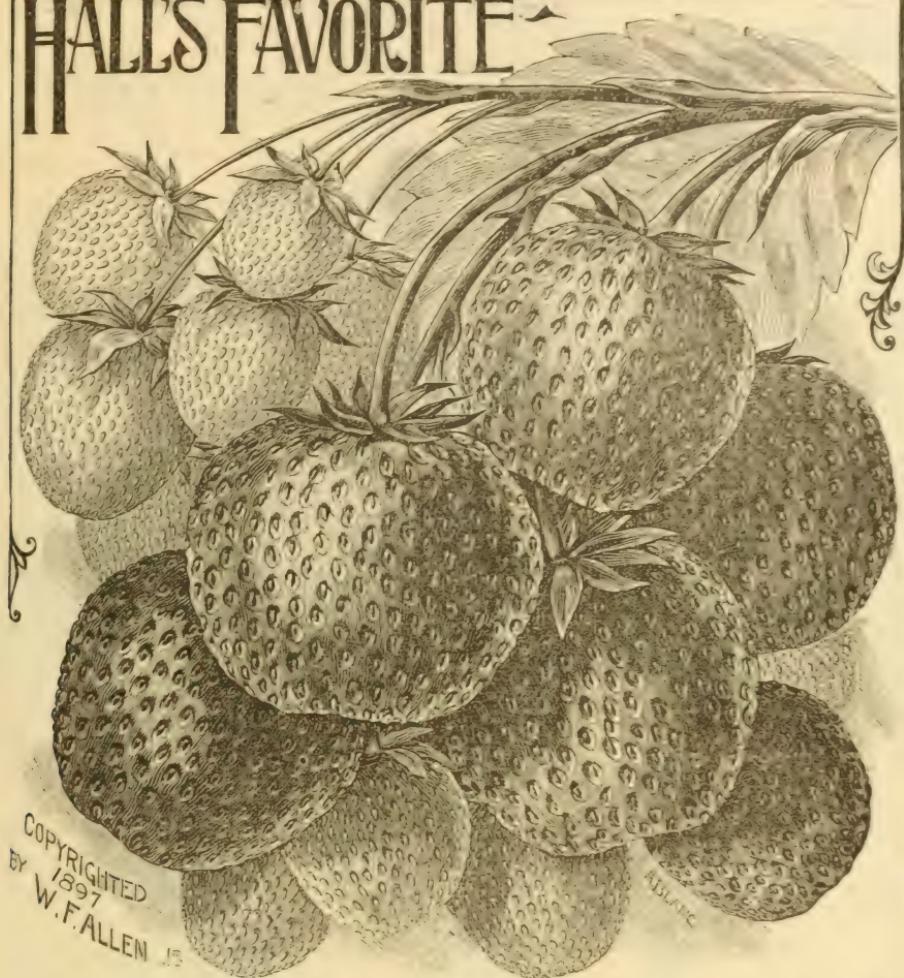
Mr. E. C. Davis, of Massachusetts, writes under date of July 31, 1897: The season here has been a good one for strawberries, but it seemed as if it was designed to bring out the good qualities of the Margurite, and its ability to endure all kinds of rough treatment in comparison with other varieties, and today it stands the highest by far, in my estimation of all the varieties I have ever grown. The first picking was May 30th and the last July 15th, covering a period of 47 days, and the last ones would compare favorably in size with the Wm. Belt, Parker Earle, Haverland and others at their best, and they were all grown practically in the same field on level meadow land, so that the location had nothing to do with the length of season. The whole credit is due to the wonderful vitality, productiveness and endurance of the variety.



JERSEY MARKET—“The Jersey Market originated in New Jersey and has been fully tested by us. In a general way it is an improved Chas. Downing, resembling that old reliable and favorite variety in appearance, but is larger, firmer in texture and with large abundant clean foliage that has never been affected by rust or scald. The berries are bright crimson in color and of large but not of mammoth size, being remarkably uniform in both size and color. They are above the average in firmness, of rich delicious quality and ripen in mid-season. Plant of exceptionally strong healthy habit and a heavy, reliable yielder, under all conditions; blossom pistillate. It is not what might be termed a fashionable or aristocratic berry (one that under favorable conditions will elicit the admiration of the few), but a “strictly business” sort—one that everybody can depend upon and not be disappointed. Offered last season for the first time.”

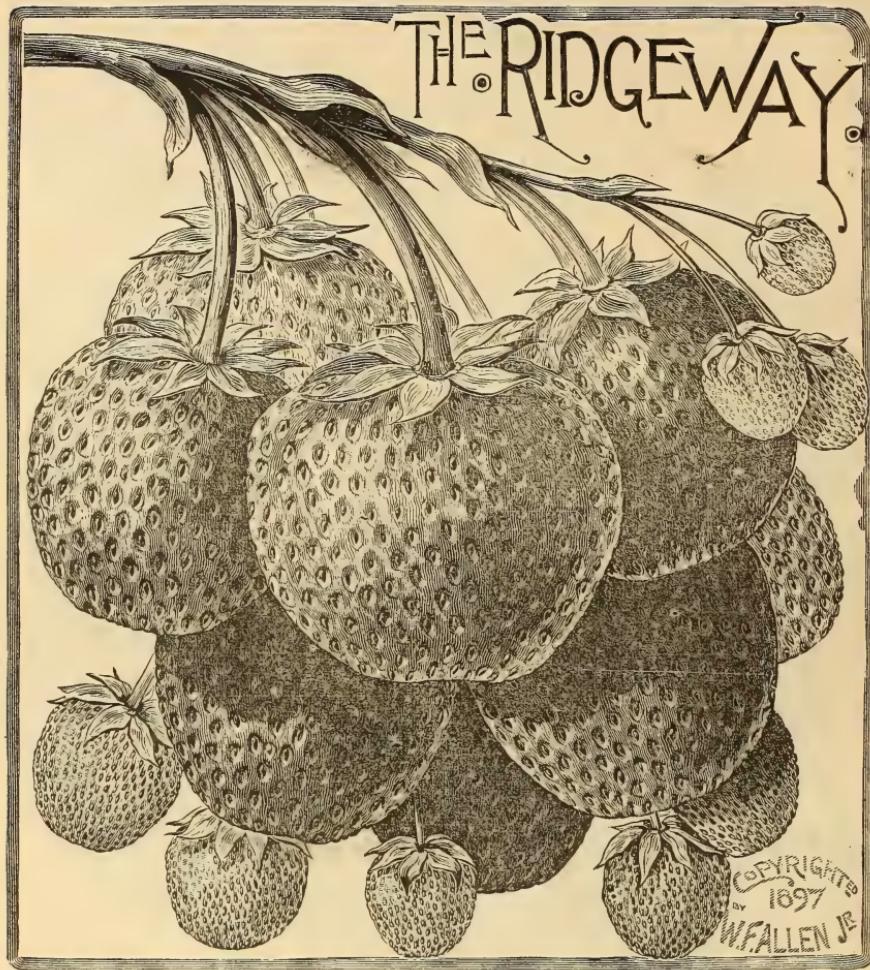
The above is the introducer's description. We have not seen this berry in fruit but hope to do so next June, and will give a description of it as seen by the writer.

HALL'S FAVORITE



HALL'S FAVORITE—This berry was originated about four or five years ago by John W. Hall of Somerset county, Md., who describes it as follows: "I have fruited Hall's Favorite four years on different soils and it does well on them all. I have been in the fruit business for twenty five years and during that time we have had numbers of varieties of strawberries but the Hall's Favorite is the strongest grower of any variety that I have ever grown or seen grown. It bears a large crop of fine berries that run large and uniform in size. It is firm and a good shipper. It sold in the New York market the past season for twenty cents when other kinds were bringing nine and ten cents per quart. It was considered by good judges to be the best strawberry ever grown. Berry growers for some time have been wanting a better berry than Bubach—We have it in Hall's Favorite. It ripens a little earlier than Bubach, runs larger in size through the season, it is also more productive and a better carrier."

As seen by the writer on Mr. Hall's farm, the Hall's Favorite is a good berry. I am not prepared to say, however, that it is more productive than the Bubach, it is certainly very large and fine colored. It is better quality than Bubach by far. Where I saw it in fruit it had not been picked for several days and notwithstanding it was rainy at the time, it seemed to be about as firm as Bubach. The plant is entirely healthy.



RIDGEWAY—"Plant large and stalky, possessing the ability to make a large number of strong healthy plants. Leaf large, heavy and dark green in color. Blossom perfect, a good pollener for pistillate varieties, as it remains in bloom for a long time; an ideal plant. Berry large to very large, the typical form nearly round, largest specimens broadly ovate, always smooth. Color, as it grows at Rocky Glen, bright glossy crimson with golden seed. Firm for so large a berry, and will stand shipping to distant market, except in a very wet time. Quality as good as the best, an almost ideal berry and one that will command fancy prices on any market"—Originator's description.

We have not fruited this berry but it has certainly made a vigorous growth of large, healthy foliage. My stock was grown from plants procured direct from the originator and is very fine.

Jeff. county, N. Y., April 18, 1897.
W. F. Allen, Jr.; Dear Sir:—The Strawberry plants came in due time, and in most excellent condition. I never saw finer rooted plants. I am very much pleased with them. When I want more plants I shall know just where to send. Many thanks for liberal count

Mrs. Chas. Hart.



STAR—"We have no hesitation in pronouncing this the brightest "star" in the strawberry family at the present time. We have carefully watched this berry for two years and introduce it to the public with absolute confidence in its merits. Many who saw it fruiting offered us any price we would name for a few plants, but we decided that none should leave our possession until placed on the market. In productiveness we have never seen the equal of the

Bricquebec, France May 18, '96.
W. F. Allen, Jr., Salisbury, Md.
Dear Sir—I reciev'd the Strawberry plants yesterday, May 7th, in
good order. Thanks for extras.

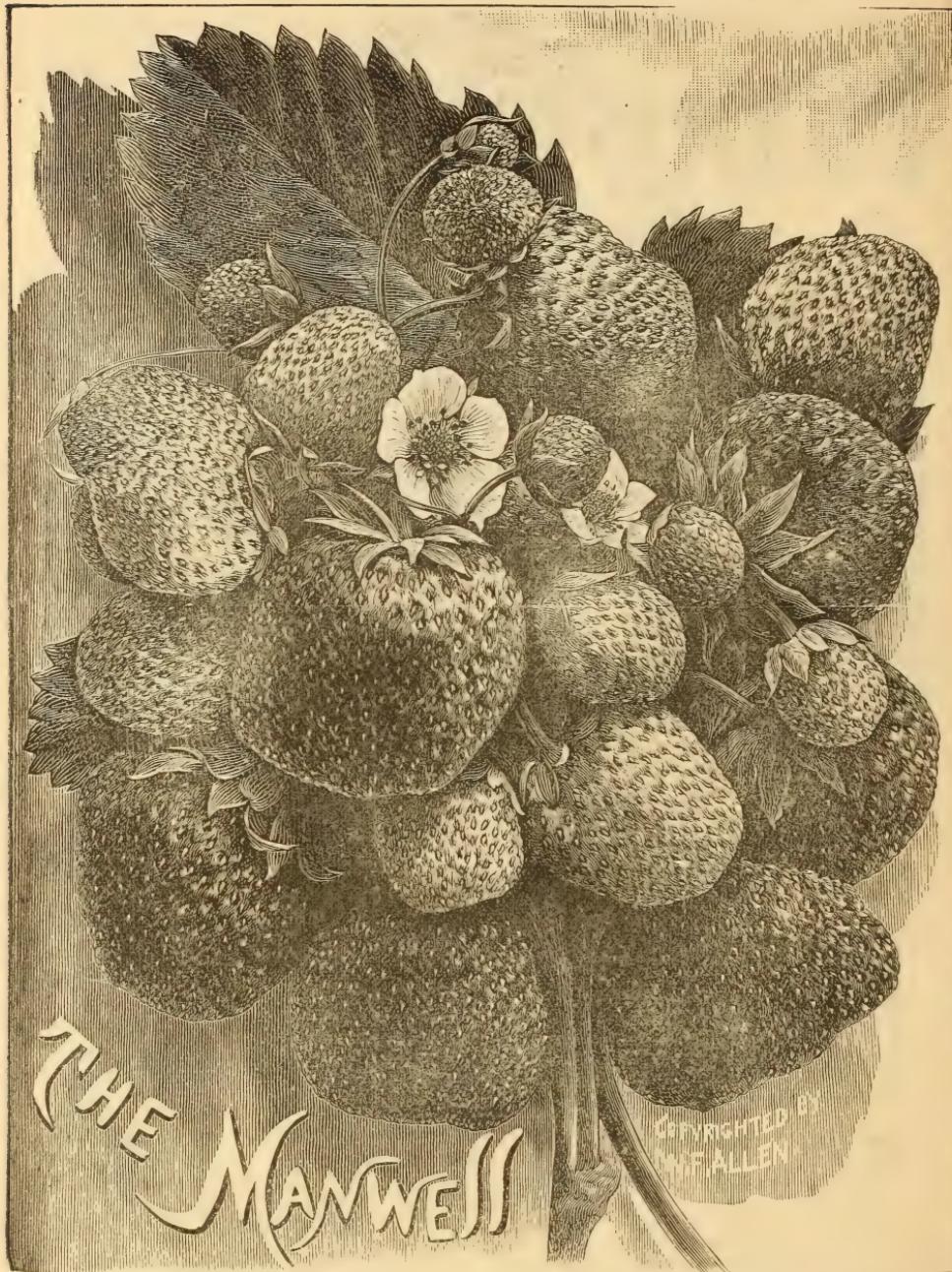
Very truly yours, Gambillon

Star. It matures all its berries in a dry season, possessing the greatest drouth resisting qualities of any berry we are acquainted with, having matured a complete crop when all ordinary varieties were complete failures. The plant is a vigorous and strong grower, with healthy green foliage, deep rooted

and very prolific, being a stamineate or perfect variety. Season of ripening is second early. For profit we know of no berry that will equal it. Its superiority in every point was very marked, both in size, quality and productiveness. It readily brought a fancy price when placed on the market"—Introducer's description. It has not fruited here.

In reply to a letter addressed to the introducers, since the fruiting season of '97, they write as follows: "With regard to the Star strawberry we cannot say too much of it. It has met all our expectations and today it is making the finest showing of any variety we have."

Licking Co., O., Apr. 9, '97.
Friend Allen:—My box of plants from your farm rec'd in good condition, good roots, liberal count, splendid packing. Accept thanks
Yours truly, F. H. Ballore



MANWELL—The Manwell strawberry originated in Iowa by Allen D. Manwell. This berry is a seedling of the Crescent fertilized with the Sharpless, and is described by the originator as follows:

"The Manwell combines all the good qualities of both parents. It has a very small calyx which does not part from the berry without an effort, in fact, it retains its hull (cap) better than any variety we have yet tested. This, combined with its firmness, large size and glossy crimson color, makes it the great shipper that it is. Our customers when ordering say: 'Send us all the Manwells you can as it is difficult to sell Warfield and other small berries by the side of those Manwells, which are the finest we ever saw.' We have fruit ed this berry five seasons and it retains the vigor of the original plant. It ripens all over at once without any green tips. It has a perfect blossom and bears its fruit on large fruit stems which often bring to perfection as many as 20 berries on a single stem. It is not immensely large but its great beauty, firmness, earliness, good flavor, productiveness and vigor, combined

Cuyahoga Co., O., June 28, 1897.

W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:—The 1000 Glen Mary strawberry plants purchased of you are growing fine. They are the best plants we ever had. Let us know when you have anything good to sell in that line. Respt. Andrews Bros.

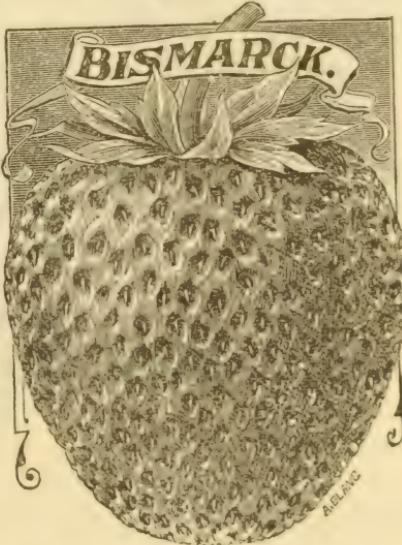
with good size, make it exceedingly popular. Ripens at same time as Crescent." Originator's description.

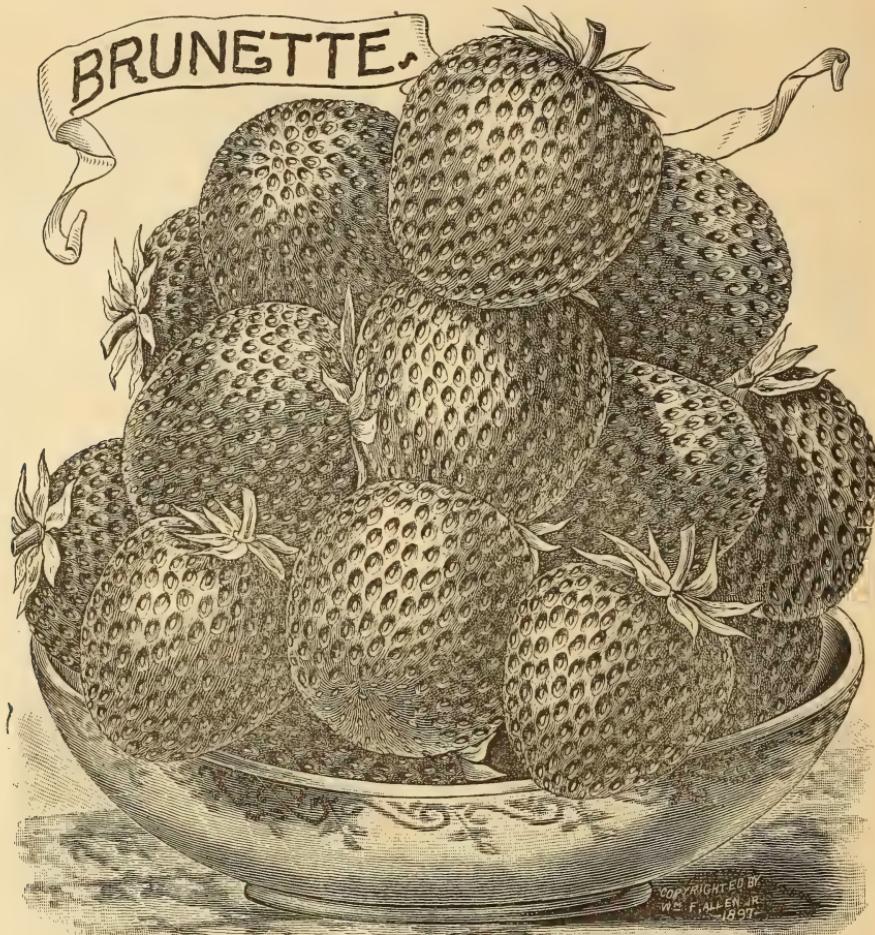
The Manwell fruited here on spring set plants and bore some of the finest fruit I ever saw on plants so recently set out. They were very productive, large, firm and good quality. I can truthfully say I am glad I set 1000 plants last spring if they did cost me big money.

BISMARCK—"A grand plant and berry, reminding one, when in bearing of that grand old favorite, the Wilson, only the Bismarck is double the size of the old favorite. Our patch of Bismarck last season looked just as if some one had thrown the berries over the ground with a shovel in matted rows and the first berries we shipped of this variety to St. Louis brought double the price of all others of same date, besides receiving honorable mention in Price Current of that date. It will not bear neglect but wants good strong soil, you can't get it too rich for best results. It is a self pollener; color bright scarlet, no coxcombs, size mammoth, very firm and holds up well in shipping."—Originator.

"Bismarck is a self fertilizing strawberry, possessing all the desirable peculiarities of Bubach No. 5. To those familiar with the Bubach, nothing further need be said, since Bubach has been a favorite berry, and more plants have been planted than of any other. Bubach has two defects, which Bismarck corrects. Bubach is a pistillate requiring other varieties to be planted near it, while Bismarck is self fertilizing Bubach, while of good quality, is not of the highest character. Bismarck is of better quality. We have in Bismarck an extraordinarily large berry, glossy, fine color, good shape, and good quality with vigorous plants full of vitality. Bismarck originated in Arkansas with Mr. Bauer. We get good words for the Bismarck, it having been tested both North and South, East and West from Arkansas to Connecticut. It made an excellent showing at our fruit farm, and stands transplanting well, though the plants received by us came all the way from Arkansas."—Green's Fruit Grower.

The Bismarck has not yet fruited here but plants set last spring have made a fine growth. The plant resembles Bubach but is a far better grower. I have seen it in fruit at other places, and from what I have seen and heard of it I believe it to be a valuable addition to the list of strawberries.





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BRUNETTE—The Brunette is a delightful berry. I have fruited it now for three years and am greatly taken with it. In color it is a deep rich red like port wine, not only all over the surface but all the way through, and when you break one in two the fragments of the torn tissues sparkle in the sunlight like splinters of ruby crystals. It is a shapely berry, too, of uniform dome-like outline. If a few Brunette berries were mingled promiscuously with a large number made up of various other kinds, the Brunette could readily be picked out, their beautiful dark-red color and symmetrical outline distinguishing them from the rest. They are quite firm berries and I would think would stand shipping well. I have had no experience as to the latter fact, however, for my Brunettes were too good to sell, and just right to use at home or to give to one's best friends.

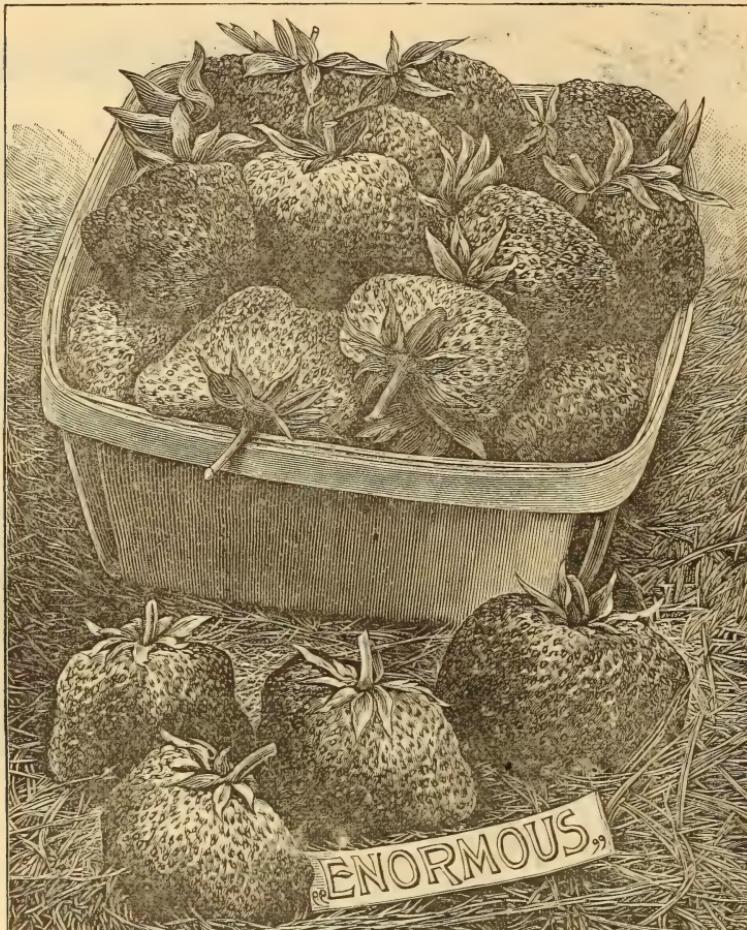
PATRICK—“Most of our extra early varieties have come from South, and have not proved especially profitable when grown at the north. Here is a northern berry that promises to be for this section what Mitchel's Early is for the south. The plant is splendid in growth and foliage and wonderfully vigorous, making runners as freely as Brandywine. The berry is of medium size about the shape and color of Haverland of average quantity, and firm, with glossy surface well protected by prominent seeds. It is more productive than Bedar Wood with me, and four or five times as profitable as Mitchel or Van Deman.”—Introducer's description. Has not fruited here.



WM. BELT—As grown by me the Wm. Belt has proved itself to be a valuable berry. It is a good grower and makes a medium quantity of strong healthy plants that are usually heavy rooted. The berries are as large, with some specimens larger, than the Bubach. I don't think it is twice as productive as Bubach, as has been claimed, nor do I think it would be desirable for it to be, as in that case it would not be able to mature its immense load. It is about as productive as Bubach and with half a show seems to mature every berry. It is more perfect in shape and far better in quantity and a better grower than Bubach. Its color is perfect. The accompanying illustration was made direct from a cluster of berries picked in Mr. J. A. Davis' patch last June and carried at once to the engraver. Mr. Davis has grown the Wm. Belt on his Caroline county farm for the New York market and speaks well of the variety.

BLONDE is of a brilliant and attractive color, always heart shaped, of large size, good quality and the strongest grower I ever cultivated. I grew it from mixed seed. It is probably a seedling of Haverland. It is large, glossy and shapely, and of a brilliant crimson color."—Originator.

It is a fine grower but has not fruited here.

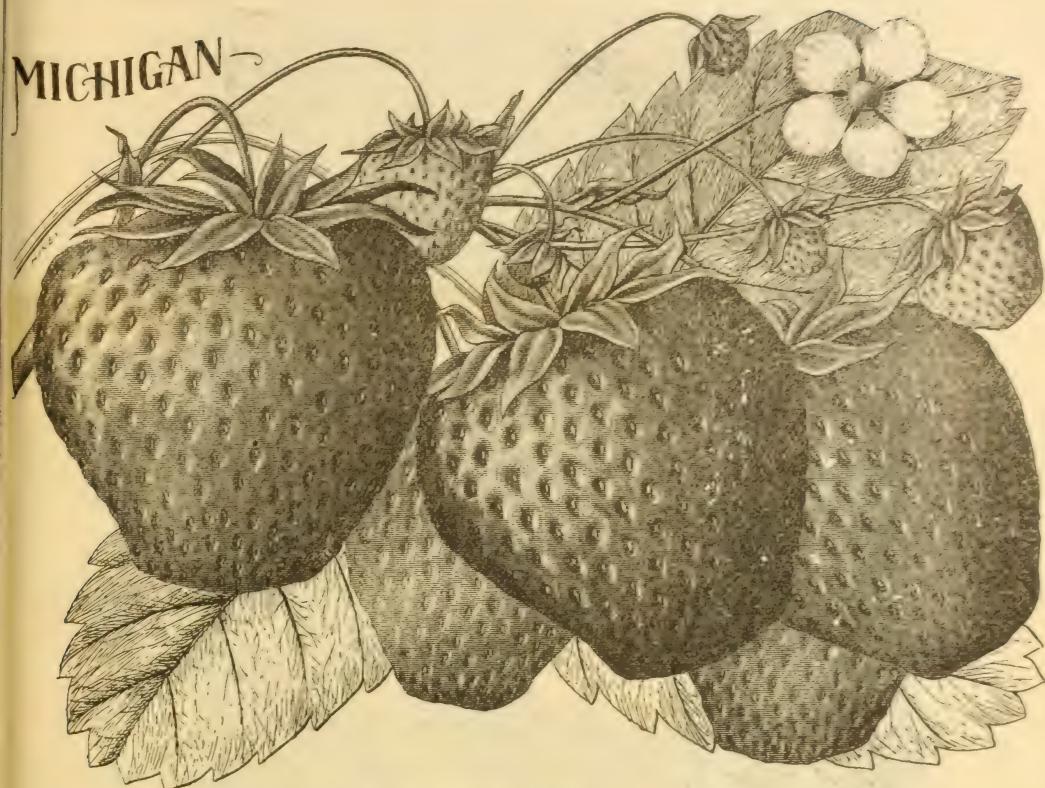


ENORMOUS—This berry has given general satisfaction and under good culture is certainly a wonderful producer of large firm berries that are well colored and very attractive. I fruited a quantity of it last season and it was one of the best on my grounds and a general favorite with visitors. We could give a long list of testimonials but space will not permit.

SATISFACTION—“This is a seedling of Wilson and a reproduction of that grand old variety, having a large full perfect blossom and the plant in every way closely resembling its parent, except that it is a much more vigorous grower and makes plants more freely, with a clean healthy foliage, having no rust or weakness of any kind, berries large to very large, heart-shaped and always of the same shape. We have never seen an ill-shaped berry on this variety in the four seasons we fruited it. It holds fruit up well on strong trusses. Color scarlet always coloring all over at the same time. Flesh red, quality good, being less acid than its parent. It is very productive, at least equal to Haverland in this respect. Berries firm and will carry well to a distant market. Season medium”—Originator's description.

The Rural New Yorker says: “The Satisfaction has tall plants that cover the berries well. Berries average large, heart-shaped and always regular, flesh red quite firm, season medium. It is worth trying.”

It has not fruited at the Peninsula Plant Farms.



MICHIGAN—“Again this superb variety gives us a crop of berries that are second to none in size or yield, and which ripen the latest of any. It is undoubtedly the best late strawberry ever introduced and for profitable market growing is unexcelled by any other; coming into market as most other kinds are going out. The berries are large, bluntly conic, as shown in cut, very uniform, of deep crimson color, firm and handsome. The plant is a strong, healthy grower, with clean, luxuriant foliage and exceedingly productive. Every garden should have it for its supply of late strawberries and it may be depended upon to give the most perfect satisfaction. Its high, rich quality renders it of the greatest value in the family garden, and it is the very finest variety for canning. In it are combined enormous size, high quality, great productiveness and extreme lateness in ripening, a combination which leaves nothing more to be desired in a family strawberry of its season. We are proud of being the introducers of this noble berry.”—Introducer's description.

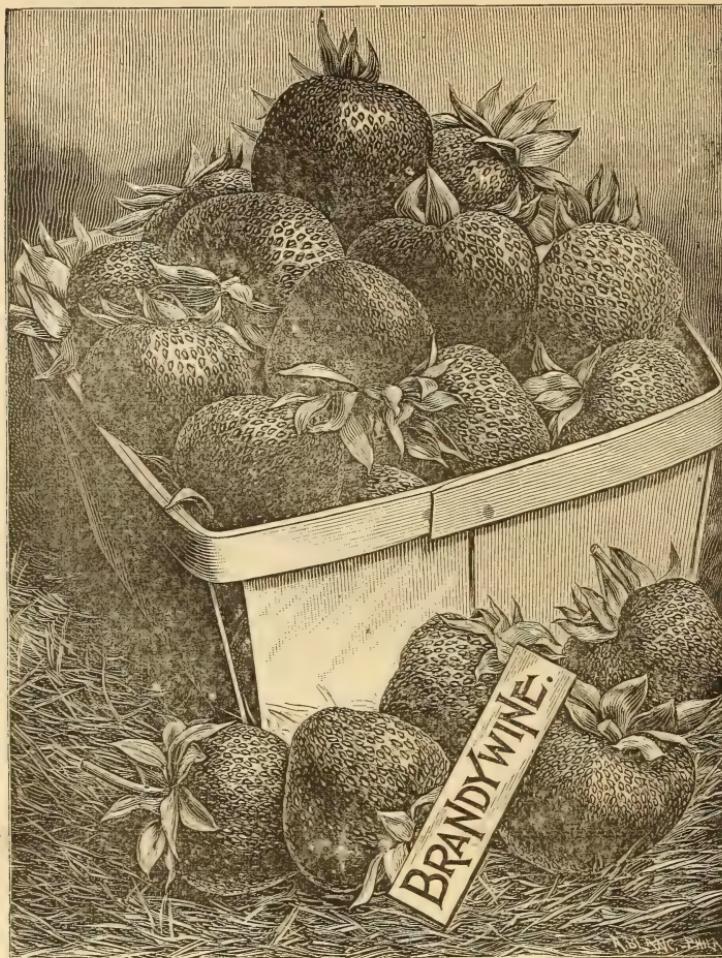
I have not fruited this variety as all the plants I had last season were sold. In the summer of '96 its foliage rusted badly on young beds, but the past summer of '97 its foliage seems to be nearly free from rust.

BUBACH—My stock of this well known and everywhere popular variety is the finest I have ever been able to produce. My plants are very fine and will please all who buy them. My stock is strictly pure. The variety is too well-known to need description.

Bradford Co., Fla., Apr. 7, '97.

W. F. Allen Jr., Dear Sir—The plants I ordered of you came to hand yesterday looking as fresh as when first dug. Every plant was perfect and your count most liberal

J. M. Brownlee



BRANDYWINE—This variety has been reported upon by the experiment stations, written up by horticultural papers and talked of by fruit growers everywhere until it has become as well known as any of the older kinds. I believe it will bear out the claims that have been made for it. The fruit and plant very much resembles Gandy but is more productive and a better grower. Most reports are favorable but some are the reverse. I am just in receipt of a letter from J. B. Willis of South Carolina, who speaks of it as follows: "I am glad to have such a berry as the Brandywine to report on. I fruited it last spring and from its general character I consider it one of the best fancy and main crop berries I have. It is quite large, even in shape, rich, red color, productive and good flavor, etc."

BARTON'S ECLIPSE—This is a reliable standard that always gives satisfaction. It is a splendid grower and a heavy yielder of large sized and good flavored berries. It is as large as Bubach, equally as productive and a much better shipper. It is positively one of the best of the standard sorts. I always plant largely of this and have never yet had occasion to regret doing so. My stock of this valuable variety is larger than usual and very fine.

BEDAR WOOD—Very productive, early, medium size, rather soft for distant shipment; quite popular in some sections. My stock is very fine.

KING WORTH—“This is what its name implies. A superior variety. It is from the originator of a number of fine berries, and I have fruited it twice. It is no doubt a seedling of Pearl, and resembles that variety in a general way, but not sufficiently to cause confusion. The plant is a better grower than Pearl the foliage darker and much less subject to rust. The fruit is large, attractive and of choice quality. It was named at my suggestion. An eastern grower who fruited it last year writes: ‘Kingworth has done well here and I shall plant largely of it another season. It gave me as fine large fruit as I ever saw, of splendid color and very attractive and firm.’”—Introducer.

EDITH—A good plant maker on rich soil, fruit very large, good color, very firm. V. R. Carey says the Edith is a wonderful berry. Geo. F. Reed, Freemont, N. H. says Edith is of enormous size. Thompson Sons, Va., says Edith is largest of all. Samuel Miller says I shall plant more Edith than all others. It has not fruited here yet.

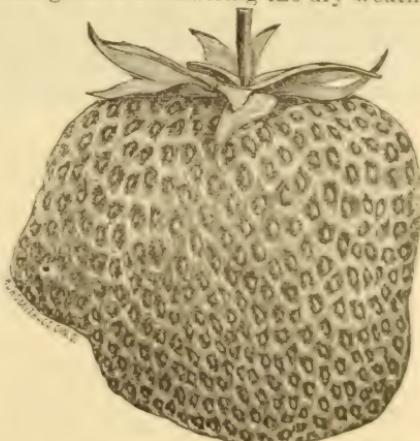
DROUTH KING—The introducers describe it as follows. “We have grown and tested this strawberry for four years. There is no strawberry on earth that will stand drouth like this one. The blossoms of the Drouth King are pistillate

***** and must be planted near some very early staminate variety, like Mitchel's Early or Bedar Wood, since Drouth King is one of the earliest berries grown. Drouth King not only withstands drouth but it is one of the very best early berries that has ever fruited with us. Not only being very early, it is immensely productive, is a great runner, and makes large and strong plants while its fruit is of large, uniform size, beautiful red color, ripens evenly throughout, is a good shipper and will keep perfect for five days. It has not fruited here but is one of the rankest growers I ever saw.

YOUNG'S EARLY SUNRISE—“This new and excellent berry originated in Indiana, and has given the highest satisfaction on my grounds in central Ohio. Earlier than the Mitchel's Early and as prolific as Crescent, fruit larger than either, of a bright scarlet color perfect blossom, free from rust and entirely hardy. Fruit was picked from this variety the past season the 4th of May.”—Originators description. I have not fruited this berry, but if it is one half as good as has been claimed, it is certainly a wonderful berry. It is a strong healthy grower with foliage that very much resembles Mitchel's Early.

MARSHALL—This has made a Splendid growth considering the dry weather. The foliage is very bluff and healthy looking and was among the most attractive in a field of over sixty kinds. I have fruited the Marshall once and am much pleased with it. The plant is faultless; the blossom is perfect and it is a good bearer. It is refreshing to see such large healthy plants. The fruit is immense, of regular roundish form dark glossy red and of better quality than is often found in so large berries. My stock of this variety is large and very fine and those who order Marshall of me will get plants that will be sure to please them.

SEEK-NO-FURTHER—“They are almost as large as Bubach, better shape and color and perfect flavor, abundant yielder, perfectly hardy.” So says the originator, J. M. Wickizer, Marshall county, Indiana. I never saw a more splendid grower of clean, bright, healthy plants.



MARSHALL



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SPLENDID—This berry is well named. The vines are a rich dark green in color, without a spot of rust or disease of any kind and grow like weeds. It is very productive of uniform medium size berries, berries that are firm and show up well in the package. It is an excellent shipper.

S. C. Saunders of Rock county, Wisconsin, says: 'Splendid is a good grower and a splendid berry.'

H. L. Barton of New York, says: 'Splendid was as good as any in 100 varieties fruited, and four years trial has proved it in all the qualities that constitute a foremost standard market berry, worthy of extensive cultivation and entire confidence.'

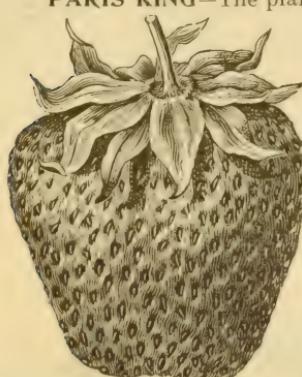
SAUNDERS—A Canadian berry of great value to the market grower. I wish that all my customers would test it, as it is among the most desirable. It makes many runners, has a perfect blossom, and is very productive. The fruit is large, conical, slightly flattened and often has a depression on one or both sides. It is deep red and remarkably glossy. The flesh is of the same color, and has a sprightly, agreeable flavor. This is also a very fine variety to plant with pistillate sorts, and a good berry for most any purpose.

SPARTA—This is the berry that is so popular on the Thayer fruit farms at Sparta, Wisconsin. It is said to be a companion for the Warfield, being rich in pollen, and blooming at the right time. It is a seedling of the Warfield and Jessie. Foliage resembles the Jessie, but it makes more runners. Berry similar to the Warfield and may be shipped with it. Very firm, and has its seeds near the surface which helps it to carry without being bruised. A good grower and bearer. Quality excellent. This variety is gaining in popularity where it is best known.

WOOLVERTON—This is a well known and reliable variety that succeeds on any soil and in any locality as a rule. It was originated by Mr. John Little, of Canada, and is really one of the most valuable ever sent out. The plant is a good grower and a great bearer. It has a perfect blossom, and is one of the best pollenizers we have. It is no uncommon thing to see blossoms and ripe fruit on this variety at the same time. Fruit very large, of regular form, fine looking, of good quality, and produced in great abundance.

TENNESSEE PROLIFIC—Large, good color, productive, of good shape, free from rust, and will surely rank among the best in the strawberry list. It is a seedling of Sharpless and Crescent, showing the parentage of both. The fruit is large, handsome, and as productive as Haverland.

PARIS KING—The plants are very healthy and vigorous and entirely free from rust. The fruit is large to very large, somewhat irregular in shape, but of good quality. The berry shown in the description is from a photograph and is a true representation of its general appearance except that it is considerably reduced in size. It is a strong staminate and an excellent variety to plant with large pistillate sorts. Paris King is highly recommended by Mr. J. G. Bubach, the well-known originator of Bubach No. 5.



PARIS KING.

vines on my place in 1887 by my daughter, Gertrude, from whom it derives its name. Among known varieties this is one of the earliest to mature. It ripens with the Bedar Wood and other early sorts, being larger than any early variety, and ranks in size with Sharpless, Bubach, and Gandy. It holds well to the last picking. It is of a pleasing bright scarlet color, very attractive. Its flesh is firm and of good quality. It has no sign of rust or other defects about it and is exceedingly productive. The blossoms are large and perfect, and well supplied with the much desired pollen, making it a grand pollenizer for other large pistillate sorts."—Introducer.

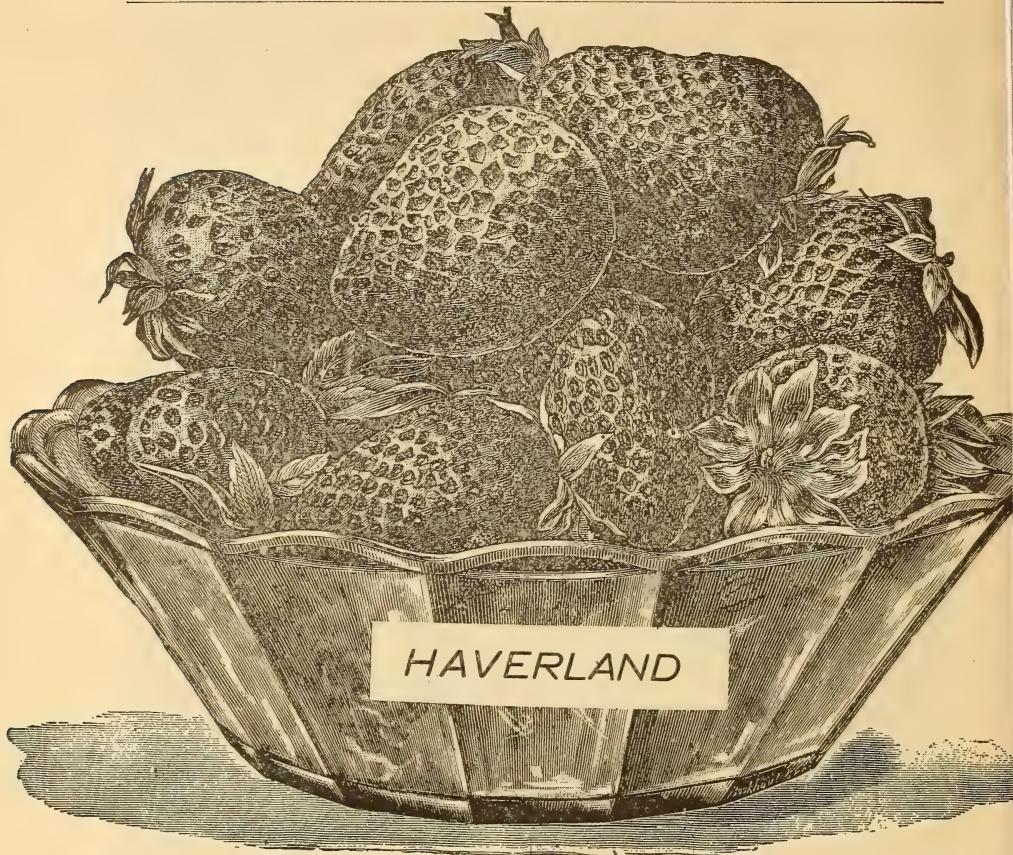
Gertrude has not fruited here yet. It is a very good grower with light green healthy foliage.

GANDY—Too well known to need description. I have a fine stock of this grand old variety and can supply it in large or small quantities, as desired.

PONDEROSA—The introducer says: "The berries are very large, of globular form, and uniform in shape, great beauty, large size, and great productivity. A profitable variety to grow for market." I know nothing personally about this berry except that it is a good grower.

EVANS—Originated in this county by a Mr. G. R. Evans, and has proved to be a most desirable berry for market or family use. Berries large, sixteen filled a quart basket; color light; quality best; holds its size well up to the last picking; shipped last season in the same package as Bubach No. 5, it netted two cents per quart more than that variety. It is a good grower of fine healthy plants.

GIANT—Large, stocky plant, fruit large to very large, moderately productive under high culture.



HAVERLAND—Too well known to need describing here. It is one of the old reliable kinds that succeeds everywhere and pleases everybody. My stock of this variety is very fine.

MURRAY—Extra early, a fine grower, claimed to be as early as Mitchel's Early and much more productive and larger berries. Has not fruited here.

TUBBS—This is a good berry of Crescent type. In size it runs through the the season about like the first pickings of the Crescent—does not run down towards the last of the season like the Crescent. Very productive. In Anne Arundel county, where it originated it is considered the best berry grown. It has a perfect blossom and is a very vigorous grower.

SUNRISE—“A very vigorous plant of the Crescent type, although having broader thicker leaves; imperfect blossoms, wonderfully productive of medium sized, obtuse conical berries, dark glossy scarlet with white flesh, moderately firm, subacid, of high flavor. Fully as productive as and averaging one third larger than Crescent. Came to us without flourish of trumpets, but for five years now has proved itself a wonderful producer. Anyone who was ever satisfied with Crescent would be more than happy with a bed of Sunrise.”—Hale's description.

GARDNER—This is a strong healthy grower, and immensely productive of berries that very much resemble Haverland in shape and size. It is a strong staminate and a very valuable variety. The berry is very light in color and if it has a fault this must be about the only one.

LEHIGH—David Kuchn, Allentown, Pa., a retired fruit and truck grower says about the Lehigh: "It is the cleanest, best flavored and most productive berry I ever saw. I never saw its equal and believe the Lehigh the berry for the millions." W. B. K. Johnson, the originator says: "That it is very productive. Berries considerable larger than Crescent, brighter red in color, excellent shipper." Has not fruited here but plants very much resemble Crescent.

ANNA KENNEDY—"Remarkable in uniformity of size and shape and of great beauty—a berry to delight the amateur. It is a stout, vigorous grower with large, healthy foliage, bearing abundantly under fairly good culture. The berries are medium to large globular in shape, very smooth and regular, of brilliant flame color, firm and of fine quality, rich and sweet. We have fruited it for several years with great success and can recommend it as an abundant bearer of fine berries, ripening in mid season. It will charm all who enjoy beautiful, luscious strawberries."—Introducer".

WARFIELD—This is one of the free-growing plant makers that is luxuriant in any soil, and usually so thickly mats itself as to crowd out almost any hope of abundant fruitage of large berries among its mass of tough, hardy, foliaged plants; but when plants are not allowed to over-crowd, this hardy, imperfect-blooming variety is among the most productive, berries medium size, roundly conical, rich dark red color all the way through, very firm and a good shipper. In size, form, color and shipping qualities, closely resembles the old Wilson's Albany when at its best. In many sections of the West, Warfield heads the list as the most profitable and reliable strawberry.

BELMONT—A good table berry, large size not very productive.

BISEL—A seedling of the Wilson, productive, medium size, quite firm.

CYCLONE—Early, very productive, medium size, scarlet color, firm, rank healthy grower.

CRESCENT—Too well known to need description, succeeds everywhere.

DAYTON—Early, large, firm, a good shipper, not very productive.

ENHANCE has never pleased me, but is recommended by many. Late, medium to large, healthy plant, firm very irregular.

EDGAR GUEEN—Large, late, plant healthy, productive on good soil.

GANDY BELLE (Isabella)—One of Hale's pets. healthy vigorous grower, firm, solid, somewhat acid but rich high flavor.

GREENVILLE—Very productive, large size somewhat soft, a good grower.

HOFFMAN—Known everywhere, early and the firmest berry grown, not very productive.

IVANHOE—Productive, large size, firm and a good shipper.

JESSIE—very fine where it succeeds, unreliable. Plant on springy rich loam or not at all.

LADY THOMSON—Large, firm, fine flavor. Valuable for market, especially in the south. Early

LEADER—Early, large and very fine where it succeeds. Unreliable.

LOVETT—A good standard sort, medium to late, firm, productive.

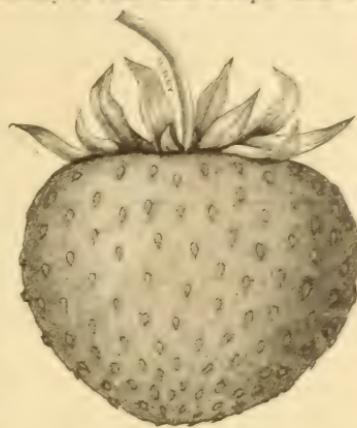
MITCHEL'S EARLY—Best very early berry ever put on the market. My stock is large and very fine.

MUSKINGUM—A beautiful large late kind, every berry perfect.

MEEK'S EARLY—Early, dark red, unproductive, quality good.

MORGAN'S FAVORITE—Very heavy plant and healthy, large fruit, good quality.

OCEAN CITY—Similar to the Sharpe's, claimed to be better.



ANNA KENNEDY.

PRINCESS—Very productive, good quality, healthy plant, firm and a good shipper, medium to large.

RIO—Early, large, good quality, healthy plant.

SHARPLESS—Known everywhere, large size and good quality, a favorite home berry with many.

SUNNYSIDE—Very late, very productive, medium to large.

TIMBRELL—No good here; a few like it.

WILSON ALBANY—Known everywhere. About the oldest variety now in cultivation. My plants are strictly pure.

PRICE LIST.

	12 by Mail post paid	100 by Mail post paid	100 by Ex not paid	100 by Ex not paid
Anna Kennedy (P)	\$0 25	\$1 00	\$0 80	\$5 00
Brandywine.....	20	75	50	3 00
Brunette.....	20	85	60	4 00
Bismarck.....	25	1 00	80	6 00
Bubach No. 5. (P)...	20	75	50	3 00
Blonde.....	30	1 25	1 00	8 00
Barton's Eclipse (P)	20	75	50	2 50
Bedar Wood (P).....	20	75	50	2 50
Belmont.....	25	1 00	80	
Bisel (P).....	25	1 00	80	
Clyde.....	20	85	60	4 00
Carrie (P).....	1 00	5 25	5 00	
Cyclone.....	20	75	50	2 50
Crescent (P).....	20	75	50	2 50
Drouth King (P).....	30	1 25	1 00	8 00
Dayton.....	20	75	50	2 50
Enormous (P).....	20	85	60	4 00
Edith (P).....	40	1 75	1 50	10 00
Evans.....	25	1 00	80	6 00
Enhance.....	20	75	50	3 00
Edgar Queen (P)....	20	75	50	3 00
Glen Mary.....	30	1 25	1 00	8 00
Gandy.....	20	75	50	3 00
Gertrude.....	25	1 00	80	5 00
Giant.....	25	1 00	80	5 00
Gandy Belle(Isabella)	20	85	60	4 00
Greenville (P).....	20	85	60	4 00
Gardner.....	20	85	60	4 00
Hall's Favorite.....	50	2 25	2 00	15 00
Hoffman.....	20	75	50	2 50
Haverland (P).....	20	75	50	3 00
Ivanhoe.....	20	85	60	4 00
Jersey Market (P)....	50	2 25	2 00	15 00
Jessie.....	20	75	50	3 00
King Worth.....	50	2 25	2 00	15 00
Lady Thompson.....	20	75	50	3 00
Leader.....	25	1 00	80	
Lehigh (P).....	20	85	60	4 00

Those marked **P** have pistillate or imperfect blossoms and must be planted near some variety with perfect blossoms to fruit them. I will furnish 50 of a kind or over at 100 rates, 500 or over at 1000 rates.

I am not offering any collections because I have put the price on all varieties very low and think it will be more satisfactory for our customers to select their own choice from the price list.

My descriptions of the different varieties are as I have found them and are true to the best of my knowledge.

I offer a number of varieties this year for the first time, many of which I have not fruited in which case the descriptions are quoted from the originator, introducer or some other person calculated to know, but I do not hold myself responsible for what others say. It should be remembered however, that some varieties that do well here may fail entirely at some other place, and some that fail here may do well elsewhere, but it is not my desire or intention to describe any variety in a way to mislead or disappoint any one. It is a good plan for all growers to plant a few of several varieties every year and this way keep posted as to what will do best on their soil.

	12 by mail post paid	100 by mail post paid	100 by Ex not paid	100 by Ex not paid
Lovett.....	20	75	50	3 00
Manwell.....	50	2 25	2 00	15 00
Marshall.....	20	85	60	4 00
Murray.....	20	85	60	4 00
Margurite.....	60	2 75	2 50	20 00
Michigan.....	25	1 00	80	5 00
Mitchel's Early.....	20	75	50	2 50
Muskingum.....	20	85	60	
Meeks Early.....	20	75	50	2 50
Morgan's Favorite.....	25	1 00	80	
Nick Ohmer.....	2 00	10 00	10 00	
Ocean City.....	20	85	60	4 00
Patrick.....	30	1 25	1 00	8 00
Ponderosa.....	30	1 25	1 00	8 00
Princess (P).....	20	85	60	4 00
Paris King.....	25	75	50	3 00
Ruby.....	2 00	10 00	10 00	50 00
Ridgeway.....	50	2 00	1 75	12 00
Rio.....	20	75	50	2 50
Saunders.....	20	75	50	3 00
Splendid (P).....	20	75	50	2 50
Star.....	75	4 25	4 00	25 00
Satisfaction.....	20	85	60	4 00
Sparta.....	20	85	60	4 00
Sharpless.....	20	75	50	3 00
Staples.....	20	75	50	3 00
Sunrise (P).....	20	75	50	3 00
Sunnyside (P).....	20	75	50	3 00
Seek No Further.....	25	1 00	80	6 00
Tubbs.....	20	75	50	2 50
Timbrell (P).....	25	1 00	80	
Tennessee Prolific.....	20	75	50	2 50
Warfield (P).....	20	75	50	2 50
Wilson.....	20	75	50	3 00
Woolverton.....	20	75	50	3 00
Wm. Belt.....	25	1 00	80	6 00
Young's E. Sunrise..	30	1 25	1 00	8 00

I have discarded Annie Laurie, Aroma, Arrow, Bouncer, Columbian, Great Pacific, Holland and Shuckless from last year's list because there are so many others better it is useless to grow them longer; it being my intention to grow only the best.

Please do not order varieties not herein listed as I have not got them. parties ordering late in the season should state whether or not they want anything substituted, if we should be out of any of the kinds ordered.

\$100.00 IN GOLD.
I will give One Hundred Dollars in Gold for 12 strawberry plants of the best variety, not yet introduced. The plants will all be given an equal share, and should reach me before the 10th of April, 1888. They will be well cared for and fruited in 1889 and the \$100 in Gold will be paid in June, 1889, to the party sending the best variety not yet introduced. A disinterested committee will be appointed to decide which is the best variety; all things considered. All varieties except the one winning the premium will be disposed of according to the wishes of the parties sending them.

COW PEAS.

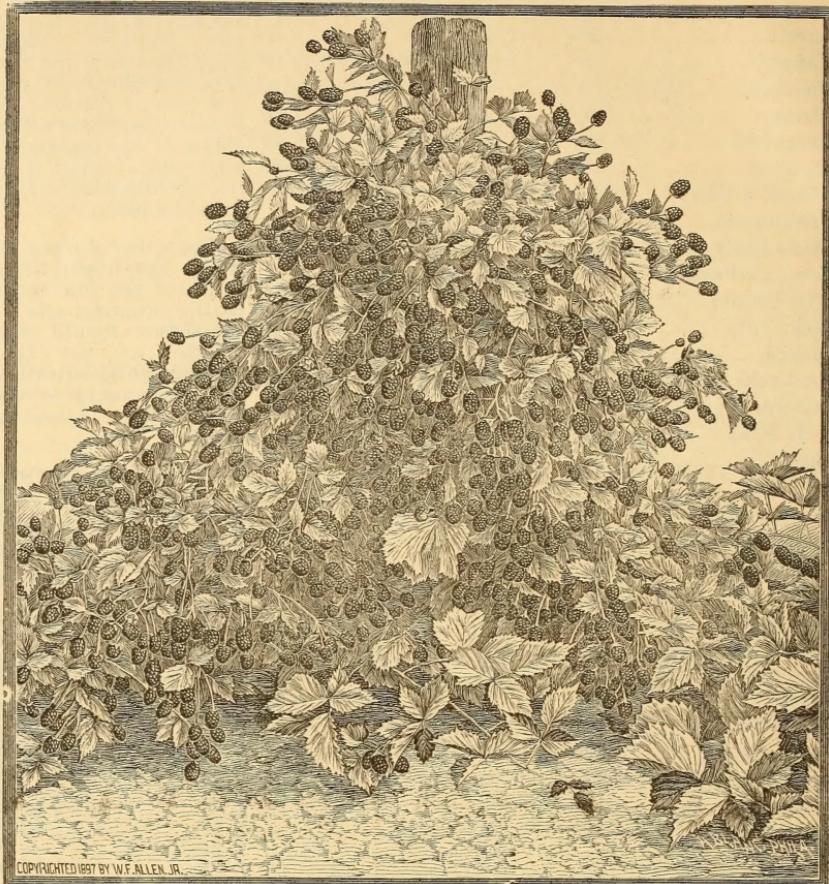
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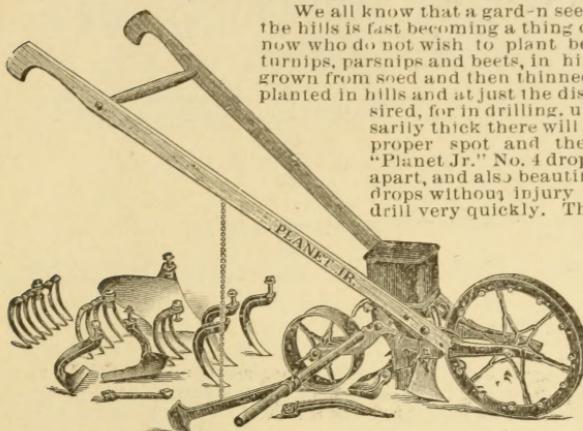
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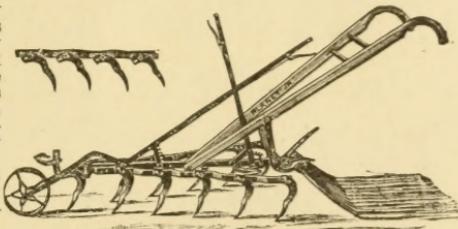
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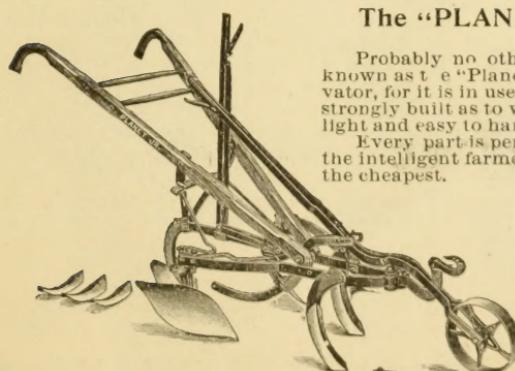
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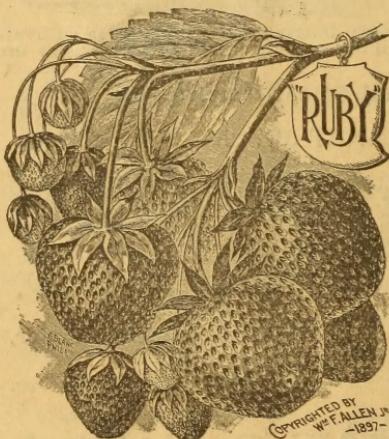
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